



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q64121

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For: A SYSTEM USES TIME PULSE THAT SIMULTANEOUSLY TRANSMITS WITH
TIME OF DAY MESSAGE TO SYNCHRONIZE NETWORK USER STATIONS

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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REMARKS

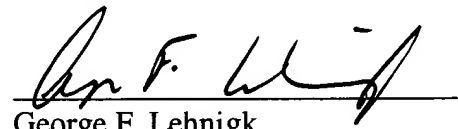
Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on pages 2-3 of the Notice of Allowability dated September 30, 2004. Even though the application includes three independent formulations of the invention, the Reasons for Allowance paraphrase only claim 1. Accordingly, the Statement is deficient both in merely loosely paraphrasing the claims and in failing to acknowledge that the claims were allowed for independent reasons.

Further, Applicant does not admit to the characterization of the teachings of Gonzalez (U.S. Patent No. 6,725,278) or Aoyama et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,990,638), set forth in the Statement.

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Patent Office personnel is requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application." Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment of **809 days** set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated September 30, 2004.

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